

AS

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 97-051-C - ORDER NO. 97-154

MARCH 4, 1997

IN RE: Petition of Vanguard Cellular Systems,) ORDER
Inc. for Arbitration with GTE South,) APPROVING
Inc., to Establish an Interconnection) NEGOTIATED
Agreement.) AGREEMENT

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") on the filing of an Agreement between the Parties in this case: Vanguard Cellular Systems, Inc. ("Vanguard") and GTE South, Inc. ("GTE"). On January 15, 1997, this Commission received Vanguard's Petition for Arbitration with GTE pursuant to §252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act"). The Commission subsequently was informed that the two Parties had reached a negotiated agreement on all outstanding issues that were put forth in the Petition for Arbitration. A copy of the Interconnection Agreement was filed with the Commission on February 12, 1997. The Parties now seek approval of this Agreement.

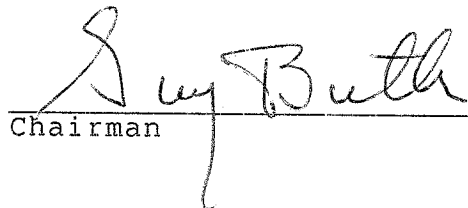
The Commission has examined this agreement and finds that it is consistent with the standards of Section 252(a)(1) of the Act. The Agreement is approved as filed since it is not discriminatory and is consistent with the public interest in that it promotes competition. We hold, however, that the terms of this

interconnection agreement are not to be considered as a precedential standard for other agreements, nor is it binding on any other carrier.

We further order that this docket shall be closed at this time.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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